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THE PEAK SCHOOL.

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PUPILS PROVIDE PLEASANT ENTERTAINMENT.

The annual distribution of prizes to the children of the Peak School was held at the Peak Club yesterday afternoon, when there was a large gathering of parents and friends of the pupils.

Proceedings commenced with a bright little entertainment, which was provided by the children. The programme consisted of part songs, several of which were in French, and recitations. The various items were thoroughly appreciated by all. The full programme was as follows:—

Recitations: "Ye Mariners of England," Miss Esme Scott Harston; "Soldier's Dream," Miss Hilda Butterfield.

Part Songs: "Drink to me only," and "All the World's a Stage," Classes IV and V.

Recitations: "Billy and Me," Jack Chapman; "Hills to Sky," Ronald Armstrong.

French Songs: "La Dame la Cour," Pupils; "Le petit Jockey," Misses Hilda Butterfield and Alys Crockett; "Je vis un petit Oiseau," Miss Lucy Ritter; "Pauvre Cocher," David Ellis.

Recitations: "Baby Sued Song," Miss Pauline Estlin; "The Laughing Brook," Eric Crockett.

"Toy Balloon," Infant Class.

Recitations: "Play up," Miss Pamela Scott Harston; "Past and Present," Miss Lucy Ritter.

Part Songs—Pupils.

Recitations: "My Shadow," Miss Rita Malkin; "The Sun's Travels," Miss Irvin Ritter.

The annual report of the school was read by Mrs. E. Ralphs, on behalf of Mrs. Main, Headmistress. The prizes were presented by Mrs. E. Ralphs. After discharging this pleasant duty Mrs. Ralphs congratulated the successful students and expressed the pleasure the excellent entertainment had given her.

Miss Madge Crappell then presented Mrs. Ralphs with a bouquet of flowers.

Mr. C. E. H. Beavis, addressing the gathering, said they all wished to express their hearty thanks to Mrs. Main and her very efficient staff for the delightful entertainment they had enjoyed that evening. The singing had been sweet and charming, and the recitations excellent, the enunciation and expression showing what great pains had been taken in preparing the pupils. He congratulated Mrs. Main on the success of the function.

The singing of the "Marseillaise," the "Star-Spangled Banner," and the National Anthem terminated the proceedings.

THE REPORT.

The report for 1918 states:—During the period in review only 14 new pupils were admitted to the School, and 12 left it. The year opened with 47 pupils on the roll and closed with 49. The largest number present on one day was 53, and the average attendance for the year was 38. There were 183 school-days in the year.

The School has been visited every quarter by Dr. McKenny or Dr. Macaulay, and parents concerned were communicated with regarding suggestions made by the doctor in any case requiring special treatment. There has not been a single case of infectious disease, and the doctor's reports have invariably been very good.

During the cold season the attendance was good but the usual exodus started towards the end of March, and in July the numbers dwindled down to 23. It was well on into December before the children were all back at school again, many having been kept in Canada and Australia through lack of shipping accommodation.

The Staff consisted, at the beginning of the year, of one Headmistress, one certificated Assistant Mistress, and three Paired Student-teachers. Miss Dorothy Rodger left the school at the end of May, and Mrs. Fletcher joined the staff shortly afterwards, having been transferred from Kowloon School. On November 15th Miss Skinner was transferred to Queen's College and Mrs. Fletcher combined two classes and taught them until the end of the year. Mrs. Fletcher and Miss M. Rodger left at Christmas, the former going to England to join her husband, the latter to be married.

As 86 per cent. of the children in the school were under 10 years of age, the classification was somewhat simpler than when a larger number of older pupils attended the school.

The Headmistress took the older children and taught them in all subjects but drawing and brush-work. With the exception of our girls of 12 years who did work in preparation for the Oxford Preliminary Examination, the pupils in the top class of the school did work of an elementary nature. The next class was taught by Miss Skinner, the children's ages averaging 8 years. Miss M. Rodger and Miss Dorothy Rodger taught the next lower classes, where the work was still more elementary. Miss Jael taught the kindergarten class where most of the children were only from 4½ to 5½ years of age.

The work of the school was according to a syllabus approved by the Inspector of Schools. This syllabus was based on one in use at Malham Ford School, Oxford, drawn up by Miss Catherine Dodd, a well-known educationist, whose books in teaching have for some years been followed in the various classes. French was, as in previous years, made a special subject, the children in the top class receiving a 40-minute lesson every day of the week. The teaching of this subject was almost entirely by the direct method—conversations, songs, etc.

When the weather permitted, a short lesson was given every day followed by either a game or a dance. These lessons were given in the open air and were

greatly enjoyed by the pupils. Mrs. Fletcher was particularly successful in teaching drill.

The singing of French and English songs was again made a feature of the school work. The school premises were extended by the inclusion of the rooms which had hitherto been used as the Headmistress's quarters. There is now ample classroom accommodation, while a study for the Headmistress and a common-room for the teachers supply a long felt want. Few desks were supplied to the additional class-rooms, and the school is now, as far as heavy furniture is concerned, extremely well supplied.

The annual sports took place through the kindness of the Hon. Mr. Severn in the grounds adjoining his residence. Mr. Severn entertained parents and pupils to tea, and the parents and friends of the pupils furnished the prizes for the various events. An extremely successful meeting was held.

The pupils continued to subscribe (though in a decreasing amount as the year went on) to the support of several prisoners-of-war. We have now a balance of somewhat more than \$30, which we are proposing to give to the Blue Cross Fund when the fund is finally closed. A few of the children helped to sell favours and badges on "Rose Day" and on "Heather Day."

PRIZE LIST.

Form I.—Angel Ormiston, Arithmetic; Veronica Butterfield, English.

Form II.—David Ellis, French; Georgia Mosser, Scripture.

Form III.—Hilda Butterfield, Drawing; Pamela Harston, Arithmetic.

Form IV.—Henry Butterfield, Drawing; Lucy Ritter, French.

Form V.—Sheila Comrie, Arithmetic; Ovid Ritter, Arithmetic.

Form VI.—Brian Adams, Form prize; Dennis Hurley, General Prose.

Form VII.—Ronald Armstrong, Arithmetic; Gordon Chatham, Writing.

Form VIII.—William Hancock, History; Alex. Pearce, General Prose.

Form IX.—Gordon Burnett, Composition; Jack Chapman, Form prize.

Form X.—Charles Butterfield, English; Dillon Williams, General Prose.

Form XI.—Edward Wolfe, History and Geography; Bobby Kent, Composition.

Form XII.—John Lindell, English; Reggie Moss, Form prize.

Form XIII.—Pat Harley, General Prose; Loughton Leach, General improvement.

Form XIV.—Kenneth Chapman, improvement; Russell McIntyre, Regular attendance.

Form XV.—Jackie Harston (1917), Handwork; Japie Jonkheer, General improvement.

Form XVI.—Dickie Bowley, General improvement; Arthur Bowley, Kindergarten.

Form XVII.—Colin Black, Singing; Irving Ritter, Handwork.

Form XVIII.—Pip Manning, General knowledge; John Lowe, Oral Composition.

Form XIX.—Dorothy Jacob, General improvement; Bruce Hollingsworth, Recitation.

"A SORT OF A KIND OF A PUSH."

DOCK APPRENTICE FINED.

George Nevis, aged 10, employed as an apprentice at the Kowloon Docks, was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Magistracy, yesterday, with assaulting a Chinese in Kowloon, on Tuesday afternoon, with a pair of callipers.

The complainant, who had received an injury on the left cheek, stated that he accidentally collided with the defendant, who resented it and struck him with a pointed piece of iron.

The defendant admitted the assault, but said he used his fist.

Mr. Lindell: As injury such as the complainant has received cannot be inflicted with a blow of the fist.

Defendant: "I used my clenched fist."

Continuing, defendant said that as he was returning home from the Docks for lunch the complainant, walking in the opposite direction, pushed him. He asked him what he meant by it, but instead of replying, he fetched some others who shouted: "Hit him." Complainant then struck the defendant a blow and ran into the road.

Complainant denied striking the first blow.

Mr. Lindell desired to know where the pair of callipers had been found.

Sergeant Cooper replied that it was found in the complainant's hand.

Mr. Lindell: Any blood on it?

Witness: Yes. There are blood stains yet.

Mr. Lindell (to defendant): You admit that pair of callipers is yours?

Defendant said it did not belong to him.

Mr. Lindell: But how did all this come about? Defendant explained that it resulted from the complainant pushing him.

Mr. Lindell: A deliberate push? Defendant: A sort of kind of a push, like that (jerking one shoulder), you see.

Mr. Lindell: He admits that he collided accidentally with you. Fifteen dollars, of which \$5 are to be paid to the complainant as compensation.

DIVIDING THE CARE.

PROFESSOR BOWLEY'S PAMPHLET.

Mr. Smillie said the other day at the Coal Commission that out of the total wealth produced in Great Britain before

the war, only a third went to the workers. He suggested that they were really entitled to the whole, but that they would be content for the time being with two-thirds. Mr. Smillie put forward this statement as if it were an incontrovertible fact, like a proposition of Euclid's, and it will no doubt pass current as a fact, on his authority, with many

thoughtless people. We may say at once that it is not a fact, but merely an estimate, which Mr. Smillie borrowed without acknowledgment, from a pamphlet by Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Webb. We may add that as an estimate it is untrue and deliberately misleading. It depends on an artificially restricted meaning of the term "worker," and on an exaggerated idea of the national income. When Sir Hugh Bell said last year that, in any country, it will be found that "seventy-five per cent. of the total sale value of the commodities produced will have gone to pay the persons engaged in producing them," he was very much nearer the mark than the political advisers of the Labour Party. It may be thought, in view of the remarkable divergence between these estimates, that there is no solid basis for either of them; and that the whole subject of the national income is wrapped in obscurity. This is not so.

A very able and lucid pamphlet, which Professor Bowley has just published through the Clarendon Press on *The Division of the Product of Industry*, gives the main facts on the unimpeachable evidence of Census and Income-tax returns the Census of Production of 1907, and other official inquiries which were absolutely impartial. The general conclusion at which Professor Bowley arrives is that in the whole group of industries for which we have adequate information the persons employed in 1907 took sixty-eight per cent. of the net product, or rather more than the two-thirds which Mr. Smillie desires. In the mining industry Labour's share was and is still higher. The gross output in 1911 was valued at £111,000,000; from this £20,500,000 had to be deducted for materials, rates, depreciation, and so forth, leaving £90,500,000 for wages, salaries, profits, and royalties (valued at £7,000,000). Of the total residue, the wage-earners took seventy-five per cent., the salaried officials three per cent., and the coal-owners for interest and profits twenty-two per cent. The mine for whom Mr. Smillie desires our compassion but a third of the output of the mine really had three-fourths of the output of 1911, and Labour in the widest sense, for a salaried man is usually a very hard worker, had almost four-fifths. Such are the real facts of the case.

The fundamental and neglected truth which Professor Bowley emphasizes most opportunely is that the national income before the war was no more than enough to provide every one with a modest sufficiency. The amazing figures of war finance have confused the public mind. People read almost with complacency the statement that the National Debt is now £20,000,000,000 or £28,000,000,000, and assume unconsciously that there is plenty of money about, and that a few millions more or less for this object or that can make no difference. They will probably be surprised to learn from Professor Bowley that in 1911 the total income of the nation from home industry and foreign investment was probably not more than £2,000,000,000, and that in 1913-14 it was little more, than £2,500,000,000. To put it in another form, the average income of a family of five was £170 in 1911 and £180 in 1913-14. There was no vast fund to be diverted from the pockets of the rich in order to bring the poor man's wages up to £5 or £10 a week. If in 1911 the whole national income had been equally divided, each family, containing nearly two workers on the average, would have received just as much as each individual miner was earning, on an average, last autumn. We know that Mr. Smillie regards the miner's average war income of £100 a year as starvation wages, but it is almost twice the dividend to which he would have been entitled in 1911. Professor Bowley tells us that in that year the national income from home industry, apart from foreign investments, was nearly £1,900,000,000. Out of this £200,000,000 went in wages and £290,000,000 went in salaries below £160 or to independent workers, small farmers, and small employers not assessed for Income-tax. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Webb, in order to arrive at their fallacious estimate, carefully ruled out this second class, and, by exaggerating the total national income from home sources to £2,400,000,000, made it appear that the wage-earners received a bare third of the product. It is clear, on the figures, that wage-earners and others earning less than £180 a year had at least more than half of the product. But Professor Bowley goes on to remind us that from the balance must be deducted £180,000,000 for the Government, £240,000,000 for rates, and an estimated amount of £200,000,000 for investment in home industries, leaving £280,000,000 in all for salaries over £160 a year, rent, interest, and profits. The vast sums, it will be seen, quickly contract when they are analysed. The Government must be carried on; the municipalities must have their rates; a large amount of money must be spent every year in maintaining our industries, in installing new machinery, and so on, if the wage-earner is to be kept at work; moreover, the manager, clerk, and other officials must be paid; rent and interest cannot be abolished; and finally the employer must have incentive of profit, in which is included

his own salary for supervision. Even so, the figures assign nearly three-fourths of the available net product to Labour, if by that ambiguous term we mean only the men who do not pay Income-tax.

Professor Bowley examines and dismisses the usual Socialist proposals for increasing the workmen's wages by a redistribution of the product of industry. The "idle rich," as he says, are, if not a mere figment of the imagination, at any rate a negligible quantity. In 1911, for instance, there were 14,000,000 occupied males; 350,000 living in retirement or on pensions; and only 180,000 able-bodied men under sixty-five who had no occupation or did not reveal it on the Census paper. Professor Bowley discusses in detail the classes of income which are "open to attack," and concludes that in 1911, if every income had been reduced to £160 as a maximum, there would have been, at most, £250,000,000 available for levelling up wages, and even then the male wage-earner would have received no more, on an average than 38s. 3d. a week, and the woman wage-earner a pound, so that the average family income would approximate to £180 a year. He admits, of course, that in certain industries and for a limited period exceptional increases in wages might be obtained, as we know they have been obtained during the war by the miners and munition-workers. But in the long run economic laws prevail, and these exceptions disappear. Moreover, it would be preposterous to assume that our industry would flourish as it has done in the past if the pecuniary incentive were completely abolished, and no man could hope to earn more than £3 or £4 a week, however gifted or however industrious he might be.

Professor Bowley therefore comes back to the old conclusion that the only way of increasing real wages permanently is by increasing production. If we all want more cake, we must make a large cake. It is useless to argue about the division of the cake, for that is settled in the main on immutable principles. The Bolsheviks in Russia have tried to divide it on a new plan, by giving it all to the illiterates and the criminals, and leaving only the crumbs to the educated people whom they have not yet slaughtered. But the Bolsheviks now find that their cake no longer renews itself, and that they will soon have nothing to divide. We have no fear lest the Bolshevik madness should afflict the British working man, who is a sane and rational being. Class-war of the Russian pattern, with its horrible atrocities, is alien to the British temperament. What we do fear is that the false teaching of the Socialists may persuade the workmen that their duty to their class requires them not to exert themselves, but to render the minimum of service in return for the maximum wages. If that false and ruinous doctrine spreads, our industrial supremacy is surely doomed. We shall not only be unable to compete with America, Germany, or Japan in the world's market, but the moral fibre of our workmen will be sapped. Honest work invigorates a man, but a man who practises the rule of "Ca' canny" loses after a time, his power of working and becomes useless. There are some features of American industry which we do not admire, but its main principle, that a man should be encouraged to develop his full powers and should be paid liberally for what he does, is absolutely sound. The employer benefits, of course, but the workman and the community benefit also. A witness before the Coal Commission said that a steel manufacturer in America paid his men twice the British rate of wages, but nevertheless produced his steel at half the British cost per ton. High wages in that case meant increased production and larger profit, and therefore could be paid willingly. But high wages cannot be paid if they imply reduced production and vanishing profits, as some of our Socialist advocates seem to think. We must hope for the advent of a new spirit in British industry, through the co-operation of employers and workmen. Their interests are really identical, and their future welfare depends on the extent to which they can increase and cheapen the national output.

—Spectator.

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The steamers run from 400 tons to 5,050 tons deadweight, with varying speeds, and shipowners who may be disposed to acquire the contracts are requested to communicate with Lord Inchcape before April 4th. There will also be some twenty-eight vessels of the "A," "B," "F" (non-fabricated) and "N" (fabricated) type taken over from the Government since the last lot were disposed of, and Lord Inchcape wishes those interested in these vessels also to send their applications by April 4th.

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A COMPRADORE'S SECURITY. INTERESTING CLAIM IN THE SUPREME COURT.

PRELIMINARY OBJECTION BY ACTING
ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

The Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies, K.C.), heard an application at the Supreme Court, yesterday, by Lo Shut Po, of No. 43, Bonham Strand, Hongkong, for the return from the Colonial Treasurer, as the Custodian of the property of Messrs. Reuter, Brockelmann & Co., an enemy firm, of \$40,000 which sum the applicant deposited in 1907 and 1908 with the firm as security for the performance of his duties as compradore. Plaintiff claimed his money, together with interest, from the balance of \$84,464.42 received by the Custodian from the liquidator of the firm in question.

The Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster and Mr. Eldon Potter (instructed by Mr. F. B. L. Bowley) were counsel for Lo Shut Po; and the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., Acting Attorney-General, appeared for the Custodian (the Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer).

Mr. Pollock said he had a preliminary objection to raise. The summons was taken on March 27th this year. The liquidation had been carried out partly by Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., and partly by Mr. Shewan, but there was no reason to distinguish between the two. The liquidation commenced in October, 1914, and continued till April, 1918, and on or about the later date the balance-in-hand was paid by the liquidator to the Custodian. It was important for his Lordship to note that the case of the applicant was that he had handed over the \$40,000 some years before the war broke out, and therefore the sum of \$40,000, if claimable at all, was claimable against the liquidator in the winding-up. This, however, was in effect a claim against the Custodian as the successor to, and standing in the shoes of the liquidator. Then, said Mr. Pollock, by Section 20 of Ordinance No. 11 of 1917, no legal proceedings of any kind could be taken against a liquidator or any other public officer in connection with the Winding-up Ordinance without the permission of the Governor. He asked his Lordship to note, firstly, that the section referred to legal proceedings of any kind, civil or criminal, and, secondly, that it referred not to the liquidator only but also to any public officer connected with the Winding-up Ordinance.

His Lordship: What is a public officer? Mr. Pollock read an extract from the Interpretation Ordinance of 1911 to show that a public officer was any person holding any office, or discharging the duties, whether permanently or otherwise, the emoluments of which were, wholly or in part, derived from the Colony's revenue. His Lordship observed that that included the Custodian.

Mr. Pollock agreed. He read from an affidavit in which the Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer stated that he was a public officer, and that no permission was granted by the Governor for the action, as required by the terms of the Alien-Enemies' Winding-up Ordinance.

Continuing, Mr. Pollock said that one of the admitted facts of the case was that no permission had been obtained to take proceedings against the liquidator. He submitted that the Custodian came within the term "public officer," and, therefore, the proceedings must fail, because it was a necessary condition for the power to take these proceedings that permission should have been first obtained from the Governor.

His Lordship asked why they had not endeavoured to obtain the necessary permission. Mr. Pollock replied that the applicant stated that he received interest from the firm in Canton, and they were satisfied that this was being done merely to assist his Majesty's enemies in Canton.

In proceeding to explain why the Governor could not have given permission for the action, even if asked, Mr. Pollock said that the amount was paid as security for being Compradore in the Canton office.

His Lordship: How do we get control here? Mr. Pollock: I don't know; I suppose we shall hear evidence on that point.

His Lordship: The Custodian has the money here, at any rate. Mr. Pollock said that he wanted his Lordship to understand that the Custodian had not that particular \$40,000. He had a sum exceeding that amount, but it did not include that amount. The money was deposited in Canton, and that \$40,000 was not taken over by the liquidator when he took up the liquidation. The applicant was engaged to act as Compradore in Canton, and, reading from Lo Shut Po's declaration, Mr. Pollock showed that the money was spent in Canton, and never came to Hongkong at all. The liquidator only dealt with the property of Messrs. Reuter, Brockelmann in the Colony.

His Lordship asked if he was to understand that the \$84,464.42 was realised only in Hongkong.

Mr. Pollock replied that that was so. Mr. Alabaster, submitted, at this stage, that Mr. Pollock was getting away from the preliminary objection.

His Lordship said that Mr. Pollock was pointing out that permission which should have been obtained was not obtained.

Mr. Alabaster retorted that Mr. Pollock was dealing with the \$40,000. That came within the merits of the case, and was not nearly the same thing as the preliminary objection.

His Lordship asked Mr. Pollock whether he had anything to say on the point he made about permission from the Governor.

Mr. Pollock replied that his object had been to show that permission could not have been granted because the money was paid in Canton.

His Lordship observed that if permission had been sought and not obtained, Mr. Pollock's point was that the Court had no power in the matter.

Mr. Pollock remarked that the only remedy was by way of a *mandamus*.

Mr. Alabaster said that he was very much surprised that the Crown had taken the point. There were no merits in such an application in fact, and there was no suggestion that, not having got the money himself, the applicant had used it to assist the enemy. The objection made by Mr. Pollock had no technical merits. The Crown had chosen to effect an unconditional appearance, and, by doing so, had obliterated all their rights to make such an application. They could have entered a conditional appearance, or, even without entering a conditional appearance, they could have moved to set aside the claim on the ground of irregularity; but, once having entered an unconditional appearance, they had no right to make the point now. Mr. Alabaster read extracts from page 117 of the White Book in support of his submission.

Mr. Alabaster went on to say that Mr. Pollock had made his point that permission should have been obtained from the Governor, under the idea that applicant was proceeding under the Alien-Enemies' Winding-up Ordinance. That, however, was not so in reality, because the application was made under the Enemy Trading Ordinance, which required that permission be obtained from the Governor in some cases, and from the Court in others. The applicant had preferred to come to the Court. The application was made, as was shown in the copy on the file, under Section 17 of Ordinance No. 22 of 1915.

Continuing, Mr. Alabaster said that the Crown charged the applicant with taking money from an alien enemy. That he was entitled to do; there was nothing against it. But, added Mr. Alabaster, the applicant had not assisted an alien enemy, and, if he had, it was no defence to the claim in question.

His Lordship said the suggestion was that the firm had spent the money in exporting goods from China to Germany. Mr. Alabaster characterised this as "a childish and rubbishy suggestion." The money was deposited with the firm years, and years before the war, and he was perfectly entitled to it. Some of the money was paid in Hongkong, and the balance was remitted to Hongkong. The Crown had said that the amount did not appear in the books. The applicant had gone into the books, and found they were only for 1914 and later years, and the fact that it was not in those books proved that it must have been spent before 1914 in sending goods from China.

Reading from the declaration of the applicant, Mr. Alabaster showed that the firm stopped all business on the outbreak of war and that all contracts, which existed then were broken. In regard to the point made by Mr. Pollock that the money was paid in Canton and that the Court had no jurisdiction over it, Mr. Alabaster said that it was a firm's debt, and, wherever the assets were, there one must go to get them.

Mr. Alabaster went on to say that the action was not a personal one against the Custodian. There were German assets in his hands, which would meet the applicant's claim. The Custodian would not have to pay the money out of his private purse, and it was not connected with the winding-up. There were neither real nor technical merits in the technical objection.

Mr. Pollock replied that there was no analogy between the cases referred to by Mr. Alabaster from the White Book and the present case. He submitted that, at any stage, he could have asked for judgment for the defendant on the ground that the Governor had not given permission for the action. He had made the preliminary objection in the hope that the proceedings would be shortened. It was absurd that a defendant who entered an unconditional appearance could not plead that a plaintiff had not observed the conditions precedent. In reply to the submission that the action was brought under the Enemy Trading Ordinance and not under the Alien-Enemies' Winding-up Ordinance, Mr. Pollock drew his Lordship's attention to the summons itself, in which the Custodian was specially mentioned. He said that the summons contained an application direct to the Custodian to pay to Lo Shut Po part of the moneys which he held as Custodian.

His Lordship intimated that he did not uphold Mr. Pollock's objection, and Mr. Alabaster opened his case yesterday afternoon, stating briefly the facts which led to the claim being made by Lo Shut Po.

The hearing was adjourned until to-day.

COMPANY REPORTS UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

The report of the Directors of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., for presentation to the 46th ordinary meeting of shareholders on May 22nd, states:—

The Board has now to lay before the shareholders a balance-sheet containing a summary of the property and liabilities of the Society on the 31st December, 1918, and a statement of working accounts together with the sterling equivalents of the 1917 Account. After payment of the interim dividend of \$30 per share and the bonus of 20 per cent. to contributors, passed at the last annual meeting, there remains a balance of \$3,315,645.96 as per annexed statement.

The Board recommends that this sum be appropriated as follows:—
A final dividend to shareholders of \$30 per share on 18,000 shares.....\$ 540,000.00
A bonus dividend to shareholders of \$20 per share on 18,000 shares.....\$ 360,000.00

An addition to the Reinsurance Fund of £150,000 @ Exchange 3s. 4 7/16d.....\$ 800,202.73
An addition to the Building Reserve Fund of £30,000 @ Exchange 3s. 4 7/16d.....\$ 178,052.55

To Equalization of Dividend Fund, £30,000 @ 3s. 4 7/16d.....\$ 206,734.25
To be carried forward to Underwriting Suspense Account to close the account for the year 1917.....\$ 1,310,378.41

\$3,315,645.96

1918 ACCOUNT.—The balance of working account on the 31st December, 1918, was \$8,230,222.91, as per annexed statement.

The Board recommends that an interim dividend of \$30 per share be paid to shareholders, absorbing \$540,000, and that a bonus of 20 per cent. be paid to contributors, absorbing about \$360,000, and that the remainder be carried forward.

DIRECTORS.
Since the last general meeting Mr. G. T. Edkins has resigned his seat on leaving the Colony, and Mr. R. Ross Thomson, of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, has joined the Board.

In accordance with Clause 30 of the Articles of Association Mr. A. O. Lank and Mr. J. A. Plummer retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

WORKING ACCOUNT, 1917.
On 31st December, 1918.

To Net Profit	1,416,454 15 9	8,584,855.85
To Interest	134,145 17 4	914,868.82
	£1,600,604 13 1	\$9,499,724.67

By Agency Commissions	30,863 10 10	183,118.39
By Head Office Branches and Agency Charges	108,501 17 7	616,072.97
By Remuneration to Directors, Committees and Auditors	4,346 9 6	23,796.70
By Losses and Claims paid	797,212 5 11	4,731,322.75
	£936,214 3 10	\$5,566,510.81

By Bonus of 20 per cent. to Contributors	25,465 3 3	151,137.90
By Interim Dividend of \$30 per share	80,273 9 10	476,430.00
By Balance	538,651 16 2	3,315,645.96
	£1,600,604 13 1	\$9,499,724.67

WORKING ACCOUNT, 1918.
On 31st December, 1918.

To Net Profit	1,333,373 9 5	9,101,826.83
To Interest	148,802 2 8	883,153.31
	£1,682,375 5 1	\$9,985,040.14

By Agency Commissions	64,906 0 10	385,222.87
By Head Office Branches and Agency Charges	120,025 14 11	712,363.02
By Remuneration to Directors, Committees and Auditors	4,329 2 6	25,693.72
By Losses and Claims paid	441,870 5 4	2,622,537.59
By Balance	1,051,244 1 6	6,239,222.94
	£1,682,375 5 1	\$9,985,040.14

BALANCE SHEET.
31st December, 1918.

To Authorized Capital 18,000 Shares of \$50 each		\$4,000,000.00
To Subscribed Capital 16,000 Shares of \$25 each upon which \$100 per Share called and paid up	269,583 0 8	1,600,000.00
To Reserve Fund— Silver.....	605,468 15 0	3,000,000.00
Sterling.....	135,000 0 0	1,157,341.68
To Building Reserve Fund.....	20,000 0 0	118,701.70
To Reinsurance Fund.....	1,127,373 16 7	6,691,059.43
To Underwriting Suspense Account.....	131,671 6 1	780,886.89
To Exchange Fluctuation Account.....	102,763 19 1	620,912.81
To Investment Fluctuation Account.....	242,798 17 1	1,441,081.83
To Working Account 1917.....		568,651 16 2
Balance 1918.....	1,061,244 1 6	6,239,222.94
To Sundry Creditors.....	630,629 1 4	3,742,837.14
	£4,895,054 19 0	\$28,696,840.34

By Cash with Bankers on Current Deposit Accounts—
Silver.....448,073 11 0 2,647,484.44
Gold.....679,473 1 11 4,032,730.58

By Investments in Silver Securities.....3,313,946 14 10 7,708,385.61
By Investments in Gold Securities—
British.....1,454,083 2 1 8,630,106.82
Foreign.....236,480 18 4

By Sundry Debts including Branch & Agency Balances—
Silver.....228,504 10 6 1,350,193.78
Gold.....554,881 16 10 3,209,152.10

By—
Silver.....111,152 16 7 650,701.48
By Leasehold Property.....46,980 5 9 278,885.44

£4,895,054 19 0 **\$28,696,840.34**

Sterling Exchange taken at 3s. 4 7/16d.
P. H. HOLYOAK
STANLEY H. DODWELL, Directors.

C. MONTAGUE EDE, General Manager.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.—We report that we have examined the accounts of the Society at the Head Office with the books and vouchers in Hongkong, and returns received from the various branches and agencies for the year ending 31st December, 1918. We have also satisfied ourselves as to the existence and value of the securities for investments, the cash at Bankers and on mortgage to the amounts specified. The premium on new shares issued has been credited to Reinsurance Fund Account. We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required, and in our opinion the above balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Society's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the books of the Society.

A. R. LOWE, Chartered Accountant.
C. BERNARD BROWN, Accountant.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1919.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

The report of the General Managers (Messrs. John D. Humphreys & Son) for the year ending December 31st, 1918, states:—

The net profits of the Company for the twelve months under review, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts, and donations to charities of \$1,980, amount to \$43,353.80. To which has to be added the balance brought forward from last year.....4,973.45

Leaving available for appropriation.....48,329.25

We propose to pay a dividend of 1 per cent., which will absorb.....\$48,000.00

Write off Building Insurance.....\$5,000.00
Furniture, Fittings, Utensils of Trade.....8,000.00
Write off Aerated Water and other Plant and Machinery.....4,000.00
And carry forward to 1919 account.....329.25

\$48,329.25

The existing Consulting Committee consists of Hon. Sir C. P. Chater, C.M.G., Mr. J. Scott Harston, and Mr. H. P. White.

SISTER'S ATTEMPT TO INCRIMINATE BROTHER.

A DASTARDLY RUSE THAT FAILED.

At the Magistracy, yesterday, before Mr. R. O. Hutchison, a Chinese woman was charged with behaving in a disorderly manner.

Inspector Macdonald stated that the case was more or less a family affair. Complainant was a brother of defendant and met her on Tuesday afternoon at the Ro Shing Theatre, in Queen's Road. Complainant remonstrated with his sister about her association with men of whom he disapproved, and a wordy warfare followed. Subsequently the woman threw two gold bracelets on to the ground, and, when her brother was picking them up to return to her, she seized him and called out "Snatchers." All the way to the Police-station the woman blew a police-whistle and made a great noise, thereby creating a disturbance. At the Police-station she charged her brother, disavowing all relationship with him; in fact, she stated that she had not seen him before. Regarding the man's story as the more probable of the two, witness sent detectives out to make investigations and found that the woman was telling lies. Later on the woman grew repentant and divulged her scheme to get her brother into trouble.

Mr. Hutchison: To accuse another person falsely of stealing a pair of bangles is a very serious charge.

Inspector Macdonald: She was in a temper and wanted to get her brother into trouble.

Mr. Hutchison fined defendant \$10, and bound her over to be of good behaviour for three months.

(Other Local News will be found on Page 6.)

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

GOVERNMENT BILLS, ETC.

TENDERS FOR SPECIE current in SHANGHAI, up to and for the sum of \$500,000 current in Shanghai, will be received by the TREASURY CHEST OFFICER, ARMY PAY DEPARTMENT, until 11.30 a.m. on May 15th, 1919.

The amount accepted is to be placed by the tenderer to the credit of an account with the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, Shanghai, so as to be available on May 17th, 1919.

Persons tendering to state alternatively the amount of dollar current in Shanghai per £100 for Telegraphic Transfer on the London Commissioners of H.M. Treasury, London.

The tender to be in duplicate, and in sealed covers, addressed to the TREASURY CHEST OFFICER, ARMY PAY DEPARTMENT, and endorsed "TENDERS FOR GOVERNMENT BILLS, ETC."

The right to accept or reject any or all of the tenders is reserved.

Copies of Forms of Tender can be had on application.

* Persons tendering for (Bills) are hereby notified that, having regard to the provisions of the Act 23 George III, Cap. 45 and 41, George III, Cap. 83, the acceptance of any such Tender is subject to the express condition that no Member of the British House of Commons shall be admitted to any share or part in or to any benefit to arise from the Contract thereby made for the allotment of such (Bills).

"The provisions in question do not apply to Contracts entered into by any incorporated Company in its corporate capacity and made for the general benefit of the Company."

Any further information can be obtained by personal application to the TREASURY CHEST OFFICER, A.P.D.

F. J. THURSBY-EDHAM Lieut. Col., Treasury Chest Officer, A.P.D., His Majesty's Treasury Office, Hongkong, May 15th, 1919. [757]

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THE COTTAGE, Barker Road. To be let furnished from May 15th. Apply—DENISON, RAM & GIBBS. [755]

TO LET.

NO. 4, BROADWOOD ROAD, Unfurnished. No. 5, BROADWOOD ROAD, Furnished. For particulars apply to—GEO. K. HALL BRUTTON & Co., York Building, Chater Road, Hongkong. [761]

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For Nine Months. FURNISHED HOUSE at the PEAK, Five Rooms, from July 1st. Apply—Box No. 747, Care of "Daily Press" Office. [747]

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At the PEAK, with immediate possession, No. 3, MOUNTAIN VIEW, Furnished or Unfurnished. Apply to—H. E. POLLOCK, Supreme Court. [753]

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NO. 10, MOUNTAIN VIEW, PEAK, from June 1st, 1919, in excellent condition. Address—"A.B.", Care of "Daily Press" Office. [689]

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NO. 102, TEN PEAK, 6-Roomed House at the Peak. Apply to—FERGUSON SMITH & FLEMING. [523]

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A FLAT in Nathan Road, Kowloon. Apply to—HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD., Alexandra Buildings. [61]

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FOR SALE. A FIVE-ROOMED Residence. For particulars apply to—"X.Y.Z.", Care of "Daily Press" Office. [424]

INTIMATIONS

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Buildings, on SATURDAY, MAY 17TH, 1919, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 28th February, 1919, and electing Directors and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd May, to the 17th May, 1919, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors, GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, April 28th, 1919. [690]

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Undersecretary on WEDNESDAY, MAY 21st, 1919, at 11.30 A.M.

The TRANSFER BOOKS and REGISTER of Members of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th May to the 31st May, both days inclusive. Immediately after the above-mentioned Meeting the General Agents in pursuance of Article 17 of the Company's Articles purpose to ask the Consulting Committee to sanction a call of \$50 per share in respect of the monies unpaid on the shares held by members of the Company.

At the same time the General Agents will also, under Article 104 (p), ask for the sanction of the Consulting Committee to the payment of a Special Dividend of \$50 per share (payable immediately after the call) out of the Reserve Fund.

Should these sanctions be obtained the Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed for an additional 14 days, i.e., until and including the 4th June, 1919. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Managers. Hongkong, April 30th 1919. [705]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, MAY 22ND, 1919, at 2.00 P.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1918, and of declaring Dividends etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from May 12th to May 22nd, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board, C. H. P. HAY, Deputy General Manager. Hongkong, May 8th, 1919. [736]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTIETH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, MAY 22ND, 1919, at 2.00 P.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1918, and of declaring Dividends etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from May 12th to May 22nd, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board, C. H. P. HAY, Deputy General Manager. Hongkong, May 8th, 1919. [738]

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, MAY 22ND, 1919, at 2.45 P.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1918, and of declaring Dividends etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from May 12th to May 22nd, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board, C. H. P. HAY, Deputy General Manager. Hongkong, May 9th, 1919. [737]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 23rd day of MAY, 1919, at 11.00 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1918.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 19th day of May to Monday, the 26th day of May, 1919, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered. JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers. Hongkong, May 13th, 1919. [748]

ON SALE.

BOUND VOLUMES of the HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS, JULY to DECEMBER, 1918. With Index, Price \$7.50. On Sale at the HONGKONG DAILY PRESS Office.

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG POLO CLUB.

EMPIRE DAY.

A POLO CLUB GYMKHANA will be held at the Race Course, Happy Valley (by kind permission of the Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club) on SATURDAY, MAY 24TH, at 4 P.M. (Weather permitting). Entrance \$1.00 (including Tea). Children under 12 half price. Events open to all Ladies and Gentlemen who ride.

Entries close at Noon on MONDAY, MAY 19TH. Programmes and Entry Forms may be obtained from The Secretary, HONGKONG CLUB, The JOCKEY CLUB STABLES, The Hon. Sec. POLICE RESERVE HEAD-QUARTERS CLUB, and Mr. S. E. GRIMSTON, Hon. Sec. HONGKONG POLO CLUB, c/o MESSRS JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd. [753]

HONGKONG AND SOUTH CHINA WAR SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE.

WE beg to announce that all Straits Settlements War Loan taken up by this Association for its Members has now been exhausted. All moneys paid in to this Association will in future be invested in British War Loan bearing interest at 5 per cent. per annum.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD. Hon. Secretary. [739]

A. G. DA ROCHA.

AUCTIONEER, S. RVEYOR AND GENERAL BROKER.

Queen's Road Central, Telephone No. 2332. FAVOURED with instructions from The Concerned, will sell by Public Auction TO-DAY (THURSDAY), May 15th, at 2.15 P.M., at his Sales Room,

A QUANTITY OF MISCELLANEOUS GOODS.

Comprising: Blankets, Serge, Towels, Soap, Gramophones, Brushes, Skates, Provisions, Socks, Hose, Handkerchiefs, Perfumes, Provisions and a long line of Sundries.

Also 50 Dozen tins Australian Cheese. 10 Ladies Swimming Hats. Terms—Cash on Delivery. Hongkong, May 13th, 1919.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

On WEDNESDAY, May 21st, 1919, at Noon, at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street

The Wreck of the S.S. "CHIYO MARU" as she now lies off the Lema Islands.

Terms—Cash on fall of the hammer, when vessel will be taken possession of. GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer. [730]

G. R.

NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS, with the exception of those of Chinese race desiring to leave the Colony should apply in person between the hours of 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. and 2 P.M. to 4 P.M. daily, at the PASS OFFICE, POST OFFICE BUILDING.

Applicants will be required to produce Passports or Identification papers.

All persons, with certain exceptions, who remain in the Colony for more than 7 days are required to Register themselves under the REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE, 1918.

Forms of Registration, giving the particulars required may be obtained at the G.P.O. and at all Police Stations.

The Penalty for non-compliance is a fine not exceeding \$50.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MAY 15TH, 1919.

A SIGNIFICANT MOVEMENT.

THE Chinese are admittedly a people whose mental processes are difficult to follow. Honourable traders and shrewd business men, they are often able to guide commercial enterprises to substantial success by methods which, according to all rules acknowledged by Western peoples, should quickly land them in the Bankruptcy Court. With their undoubted acumen and foresight there seems to be inextricably woven an inherent inability to take a practical view of affairs and a childishness which is positively bewildering. Many examples might be quoted in proof of this. Take, for instance, a record of some of their industrial undertakings. As Professor MIDDLETON-SMITH amusingly pointed out in a recent article, the Chinese will frequently refuse to consider such unimportant details as deterioration of plant when deciding upon a distribution of profits. They seem to imagine that a machine which is running satisfactorily at the moment will necessarily be capable of doing the same work for ever. In other directions a similar desire to snatch the proceeds of to-day and leave to-morrow to take care of itself often manifests itself. A moderate return upon capital invested, with ample provision to make their original outlay secure, does not appeal forcibly to them as a nation. Invariably their tendency is to adopt a hand-to-mouth policy; and as it is with business so it is in the greater policies of the State. The gambling instinct manifests itself. In the troubles which have been dividing the country into two great parties of the North and South there have been very few signs on one side or the other of any true patriotic feeling. The foreigner has had to look on and see splendid opportunities for commercial

expansion lost at a time when the great need of the world is for the quickest and fullest exploitation of all available resources. Is it to be wondered at, at his attitude has been one of increasing irritation? China still fails to realise that no nation in these times can be allowed to play the rôle of the dog-in-the-manger indefinitely. If she had any recognised policy, if there was a desire in any quarter to establish a form of Government for the sole purpose of benefiting the country as a whole, the situation would be different. There would be no desire to interfere in her domestic politics; help might be given where it was asked, but no pressure would be brought to bear in matters which were obviously of no concern to the outsider. As it is, the militarists have been fighting simply to maintain themselves as the dominant party in the State. The Cantonese members of Parliament are piqued because they have been deprived of the sweets of office, and they are determined, at all costs, to recompense themselves. The demands on both sides are too high for a possible compromise. The Shanghai Conference is becoming a farce, and all the while the country suffers incalculably. There is no doubt that one of the great needs of China is a more enlightened Press, and in this direction we think the Hongkong University might render good service if it would only address itself to the task. The demonstrations of the students in Peking show that among the younger generation at any rate—among those who have not yet associated themselves with any self-seeking clique—there is a desire to place the country first. The action of these youths may be condemned as criminally foolish, but the feelings prompting them which exploded under a sense of national injustice are those which should be fostered and directed if the country is ever going to obtain salvation. Venality in high places can only be prevented by public opinion, and the young educated Chinese lack at the moment any properly organised means of making their views known. Allowing for the national characteristics it is probable, even now, that the attack on Tsao Ju-tzu's house may have far-reaching results. It is impossible to conceive a leading statesman in England being driven out of public life by a mob of youngsters, but the impression seems to prevail that Tsao has "lost face" to such an extent that he will be unable again to occupy any prominent position. He was one of the pillars of the military party, and with his withdrawal an avenue may perchance be opened for reconciliation by convincing all parties that a body of public opinion is growing which it will be increasingly difficult to ignore.

Eight cases, (three deaths) of bubonic plague, one case of small-pox and one case of cerebro-spinal fever were reported in the Colony on Tuesday.

Japan's first concrete ship will be launched at the Sumida Shipyard, Mukojima, Tokio, towards the middle of June. The length of the vessel is 77 feet and width 18 feet, her carrying capacity being 160 tons. The total building cost is estimated at Tls. 20,000, which is from 15 to 20 per cent. lower than the cost of steel ships, but is about 25 per cent. higher than the cost of wooden ships.

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[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE PEACE CONGRESS. THE GERMAN DELEGATION.

VERSAILLES, April 28th.
Delayed.

The second section of the German Peace Delegation, which arrived here to-day, consists of 87 members, of whom 30 are women.

It includes a Commission for the reduction of armaments, also a Commission for trade affairs comprising 33 members including 16 women.

The Delegation also includes a number of telephonists, telegraphists, a courier, a doctor, and a hair-dresser.

GERMANS BEGIN TO CRUMBLE.
PARIS, April 28th.
Delayed.

The vanguard of the German delegates have arrived at Versailles. They have already begun to complain at the lack of accommodation, in spite of the sumptuous apartments assigned to them. They claim free access to the whole park of Versailles. The French refused, pointing out that the facilities were already very generous.

GERMANY'S SENTIMENTS.
BERLIN, April 28th.
Delayed.

The Prussian Minister of the Interior, in the course of a truculent speech in Berlin, repudiated all attempts to persuade the Germans that they must humiliate themselves because they had been responsible for the war. He said that the present Entente statesmen had become as mad in the lust for power, in vanity and lies, as ever the former German rulers had been.

AN APPEAL TO THE FRENCH.
PARIS, April 28th.
Delayed.

Posters appealing to the population to "maintain a worthy and calm attitude" during the Peace negotiations are being placarded in Versailles by order of the Municipality.

THE "CROWN COLONIES." REPRESENTATION IN PARLIAMENT SUGGESTED.

LONDON, April 28th.

At a meeting of the Rubber Growers' Association, Sir John Anderson said that the system whereunder the important Crown Colonies were not represented in Parliament, except by the Colonial Secretary, was out of date and must be altered. (Cheers.)

He suggested that each of the important Crown Colonies should be given the right to elect a representative to the House of Commons.

The Crown Colonies had taken an important share in the war, and, if only for this, it surely was time that they had some mark of recognition. (Cheers.)

SELF-DETERMINATION.

BRITISH LABOURITE'S VIEWS.

LONDON, April 28th.
Delayed.

The Labourite, Mr. Thomas Créwe Wilson, made an remarkable appeal to the judgment of mankind when he said that those in authority had no right to determine the lives and destinies of millions, regardless of their sentiments.

It was true we were committed to Italy, by a secret treaty, behind the backs of our people, but we were living in a different age from 1910. Self-determination must be respected.

Just as Italy, France, and America contributed to the destruction of militarism, they must find a solution to abolish war.

EUROPEAN FOOD PROBLEM WHAT ENGLAND IS DOING.

LONDON, April 28th.
Delayed.

The Food Controller, speaking at Sheffield said that, excluding Germany and Bulgaria, nearly 12,000 tons of food-stuffs had daily been delivered in Europe during March in order to avert starvation, while thousands of tons of food were actually delivered in Germany since the relief arrangements had been completed on March 14th.

Moreover, during April, 100,000 tons would be sent to Germany, while plans were being formulated systematically to feed over 1,000,000 children in the liberated areas of Central and Eastern Europe. Furthermore, we were largely helping to feed France, Italy, Belgium, Greece, Switzerland and Portugal.

EGYPT.

A SPECIAL MISSION TO BE SENT.

LONDON, April 28th.
Delayed.

Reuter learns that the Government is considering a proposal to send a special Mission to Egypt, with Lord Milner at the head, to report to the Home Government on questions concerning the Constitution of the Protectorate.

It has not yet been decided whether Lord Milner will go.

EFFECT OF GENERAL ALLENBY'S PROCLAMATION.

CAIRO, April 28th.
Delayed.

The effect of General Allenby's proclamation was immediate. The great majority of the Government employees returned to work this morning.

All the more sober and thinking Egyptians feel that immobility, whether in demands or agitation, will only lead to disappointment and disaster.

The American recognition of the British protectorate also acted as a cold douche on the extremists.

That the very country responsible for the doctrine of self-determination, and that people who were so completely and calamitously misunderstood in these Eastern lands, should take the lead in recognising Britain's position in Egypt, has brought home, with added force, the fatality of their exaggerated aspirations.

LORD JELlicoe.

REPORT ON NAVAL AFFAIRS IN INDIAN WATERS.

SIMLA, April 28th.
Delayed.

It is understood that Admiral Lord Jellicoe has handed H.E. the Viceroy a report on naval affairs in Indian waters for submission to the Admiralty.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

FIRST SECRETARY-GENERAL.

LONDON, April 28th.
Delayed.

Sir James Eric Drummond has been appointed first Secretary-General of the League of Nations.

BRITISH NAVAL TUG DISASTER.

TWENTY-TWO PERSONS DROWNED.

BRUSSELS, April 28th.
Delayed.

The British naval tug *Hughli* sank off Nieuport. Twenty-two were drowned, and ten were rescued.

The *Hughli* was carrying explosives for clearing the Ostend Channel.

It is uncertain whether the disaster was due to an explosion or to stranding on a sand-bank.

GERMANY. CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE SPARTACISTS.

BERLIN, April 28th.
Delayed.

Military operations against the Munich Soviet Government begin to-day, under the Command of General Maehl.

The Bavarian Government announces that the Wurtemberg and other Imperial troops are participating in the operations. Martial law is being proclaimed to-day throughout Bavaria.

Government troops captured the town of Landsbut from the Spartacists, while the latter have advanced their lines.

Government troops occupied the Town Hall and public buildings at Nuremberg. STRENGTH OF THE RED ARMY.

COPENHAGEN, April 28th.

A message from Berlin, dated April 27th, states that the strength of the Red Army at Munich is estimated to be between thirty and sixty thousand, but capable fighters are reckoned at twelve thousand, the balance being mercenary hangers-on.

ANTI-GOVERNMENT PLOT AT NUREMBERG.

A telegram from Nuremberg states that it appears that Government troops occupied the public buildings, owing to the discovery of an extensive and well-organized Communist plot against the Government.

The Communist leader, Dr. Schmidt, was killed, while resisting the authorities. Two other Communists were arrested.

HERR EISNER'S ASSASSIN KILLED.

BERLIN, April 28th.
Delayed.

A message from Munich states that it is reported that a Spartacist soldier dragged from hospital and killed Lieut. Arco Vally, who assassinated Herr Eisner.

The ex-Minister of the Interior, Herr Auer, and the ex-War Minister, Herr Rosshauter, who were wounded in the recent Diet affair, fled from hospital, owing to their lives being threatened.

GERMAN MISSIONARIES' REQUEST.

COPENHAGEN, April 28th.
Delayed.

A message from Berlin states that the Foreign Office has received over a hundred telegrams from Missionary societies hoping that the Peace Treaty will assure to German missionaries the complete right of settlement and unhindered activity in overseas possessions of all nations.

THE RELEASE OF GERMAN WAR PRISONERS.

Le Liberté understands that the Foreign Ministers have settled the question of the release of German war-prisoners, who will be gradually liberated, after the signing of peace, according to the civilian workers contributed by Germany for reconstruction work in France and Belgium.

AMERICAN LABOUR LEADER IN A MOTOR ACCIDENT.

NEW YORK, April 28th.
Delayed.

Mr. Samuel Gompers was thrown out of a motor car and had his ribs fractured.

RECONSTRUCTION IN BELGIUM.

BRITISH SPECIAL COMMISSIONER APPOINTED.

LONDON, April 28th.

Mr. Herbert Samuel has been appointed Special Commissioner to assist reconstruction in Belgium.

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR COMMISSION SITTING BEGUN.

AMSTERDAM, April 28th.
Delayed.

The permanent Commission of the International Labour and Socialist Conference, recently held in Berne, has begun its sittings. Delegates from Britain, Ireland, Russia, Sweden, France, Argentina, Denmark, Estonia, and Belgium were present.

The delegates of 28 countries have announced their intention of attending.

The German delegates are arriving on April 30th.

THE FIUME IMPASSE. PROFESSOR ORLANDO'S SPEECH IN ROME.

ROME, April 27th.
Delayed.

Professor Orlando arrived here from Paris to-day, and received a very enthusiastic reception.

Addressing the crowd in the station, on arrival, Professor Orlando, with tears in his eyes, said that the demonstrations of the Italians in Paris, the popular demonstrations in Italy, and his journey to Rome, proved that the Italian delegations had faithfully interpreted the will of the people. The situation was grave. Italy might be confronted with fresh and greater sacrifices and privation, but Italy, which had known hunger, had never known dishonour. "Perhaps, we will find ourselves alone; but Italy must be united and have a single will. Italy will not perish."

The speech was punctuated with cheers for America and Italy, and with cries of "Down with Wilson" and "We will face anything."

General Diaz and Signor Barzilai also spoke and were similarly acclaimed.

The crowd dragged the automobile containing the Delegates and the Mayor to the Quirinal, forcing their way with difficulty through masses of people. Flowers were thrown from the windows. A group of British officers at one point shouted "Long live the Italian army." The crowd responded with "Long live Britain." They took two hours to traverse the short distance to the Quirinal, where, meanwhile, enthusiastic scenes were taking place. Their Majesties were repeatedly called to the balcony, and reappeared when the automobile arrived.

Professor Orlando and General Diaz, standing up in the car, saluted, King Victor Emmanuel responding.

Professor Orlando and his companions went to the balcony. The ovations continued for a long time.

Great demonstrations occurred at Fiume and Bologna on Friday, protesting against the attempt to infringe the sanctity of Italy's right to Fiume and Dalmatia.

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES ANNEXATION.

PARIS, April 28th.
Delayed.

Le Matin says that President Wilson issued the Italian message after having learned, with stupefaction, that Government placards had been posted in the streets of Rome announcing the annexation of Fiume.

HUNGARY. A COMMUNIST THREAT.

LONDON, April 27th.
Delayed.

A telegram from Berlin reported, from Budapest, that the Communists have arrested hundreds of bourgeois and prominent people, who will be assassinated if Rumanian or Allied troops occupy Hungary.

ALLIES TO RESTORE ORDER.

General Berthelot has arrived at Herrmannstadt and issued a proclamation that the Allied Armies will occupy Hungary and restore order.

THE GREAT SURRENDER. MR DANIELS AT SCAPA FLOW.

LONDON, April 27th.
Delayed.

The Secretary of the American Navy, Mr. Joseph Daniels, inspected the German fleet at Scapa Flow on Saturday. Speaking at a luncheon given on the Admiralty tug, Mr. Daniels emphasised that American naval men brought back into America the spirit of friendship and fellowship of their brothers in the British Navy. He was greatly impressed at seeing the powerful German fleet at Scapa Flow guarded by a few drifters. Germany would never again have a navy, because it lacked courage.

INTER-ALLIED ROWING. A WIN FOR NEW ZEALAND.

PARIS, April 28th.
Delayed.

The Inter-Allied Rowing eight's result as follows:

New Zealand	1
America	2
France	3
Newfoundland	4

BRITAIN AND HOLLAND. REMOVAL OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS.

THE HAGUE, April 27th.
Delayed.

It is officially announced that all restrictions into Holland of overseas goods have been rescinded. Therefore, the Netherlands Overseas Trust is authorised to grant licences for unlimited supplies of all goods, except war-material.

Great Britain has thanked Holland for the valuable assistance rendered in the repatriation of British war-prisoners.

FIGHTING BOLSHEVISM. FINNISH VICTORIES.

HELSINKI, April 27th.
Delayed.

It is reported that a Finnish force captured the town of Lotinapolle on the White Sea coast, an important strategic junction of roads, and of the Petrograd-Murmur railway.

The Bolshevik torpedo-boat flotilla stationed here will not be able to escape, and will doubtless be captured.

Further Finnish detachments are advancing upon Petrozskoi, the capital of the Province of Olonetz.

UKRAINIANS CAPTURE KIEFF.

LONDON, April 28th.
Delayed.

A telegram from Berne states that the Ukrainian Government reports that the Ukrainians captured Kieff. The whole peasantry are revolting against the Bolsheviks in Western Ukraine.

A BLIZZARD AT HOME. HEAVY DAMAGE REPORTED.

LONDON, April 28th.
Delayed.

England was swept by a terrific blizzard on Sunday. Eight inches of snow fell in London. Trains and buses were partially paralysed. Thousands of telephone and telegraph wires came down. Heavy damage was done to crops and livestock.

EARLIER CABLES NEW AMIR OF AFGHANISTAN CAUSING TROUBLE.

A "DECLARATION OF WAR" AGAINST INDIA.

SIMLA, May 8th.

It is officially stated that the position in Afghanistan has changed with remarkable rapidity. Disaffection has spread among the troops, who demanded vengeance for the late murdered Amir Habibullah, in spite of the ostentatious unanimity with which the recent Durbar was conducted.

Colonel Ali Raza was executed, and Nasrullah Khan condemned to jail-for-life.

It is now openly stated that innocent persons have been punished, while the real culprits escaped.

Amanullah Khan, fearing a rebellion, has resolved on the perilous measure of embarking on a war against India. He has spread false stories among the soldiers of the troubles in the Punjab, depicting the rich bazaars at the mercy of the Afghan invaders.

The Viceroy has sent a very strong express message to Amanullah, containing a stern warning, without success.

The Afghan troops are now arriving at various points on the border. British troops are already moving into allotted places of concentration.

The attitude of the tribesmen, at the moment, is admirable. The Afridis remain staunch. The Mohmands told Lt. Col. Sir George Ross-Koppel that they were prepared to fight on our side.

Much disunion is believed to exist at Kabul. Amanullah Khan is reported to have visited Nasrullah and Inayatullah, in prison, and offered them liberty in return for their leading their armies against India. Both refused. Nasrullah is now believed to have been poisoned in jail.

Aeroplane will probably play an important part in the fighting. Afghan and British forces are rapidly nearing each other.

LOYALTY OF INDEPENDENT TRIBES.

SIMLA, May 8th.

An Afghan force from Landi and Kotai, reinforced by enemy troops, has advanced to Ash and Kheil, thereby deliberately encroaching on territory within British limits. A report has been received that a small force of Afghan regulars moved into the Afghan Mohmand country to stiffen any tribal Lashkars they may succeed in raising.

The most significant feature of the present situation is that the Amir's exhortations have failed to enlist the sympathies of the independent tribes, from whom he doubtless expected immediate support. The Afridis and the Maliks have informed the Political Agent at Khyber that our troops are welcome at Ali Masjid. They are picketing Chora, Ramadad, and points south of Khyber. Zakka Kheil, of the Bazaar Vally, has given an evasive reply to the Afghan emissaries sent, urging them to retire in the Mohmand country within British administrative limits.

No Lashkar has yet assembled, and the Amir is accused of having hotly declared war, simply on the strength of false rumours and reports from India.

The emissaries are believed to have received no encouragement in Waziristan. Both there and in Khost there is a small but growing party who consider the *taluki* of Jehad is only a device of the Amir to unite his people in his favour, and that no further action will be taken.

The Government has certain proof that some disloyal agents in India have been communicating with the Amir.

AMUNULLA'S INSENSATE CONDUCT DEPLORED.

SIMLA, May 9th.

Khan Kalat has sent a message to the Agent of the Governor-General in Baluchistan, deploring the insensate conduct of Amanullah Khan, which must inevitably lead to his destruction, and renews his assurance of the unswerving loyalty of the Sardars of Kalat.

The leaders of the Quetta community and tribesmen have done likewise.

Martial law has been declared in Peshawar. The Afghan post master at Peshawar, grossly abusing his position, has been distributing inflammatory literature, and is becoming a centre of agitation of the wildest character. The post master is no diplomatic agent, but merely the head of the post office, which, as a special concession, the Government allowed Afghanistan to maintain at Peshawar.

The post master left his office, went to the heart of the city, surrounded himself with a gang of armed ruffians from the dregs of the Afghan population and openly defied British authority.

A secret cordon was drawn round the city. The post master and staff were completely surprised and surrendered.

Three Indian agitators have also been captured. Thanks to the secrecy of the arrangements, and the skill with which they were carried out, Peshawar has been cleared of dangerous elements, without loss of life.

An Indian who was sent to the city to parley was stabbed and dangerously wounded.

THE VICEROY TO HIS PEOPLE.

SIMLA, May 9th.

The Viceroy has issued a proclamation in which he desires to make known to loyal subjects of the King-Emperor the regrettable news. The Amir, violating all treaties, and disregarding the steadfast policy of his wise predecessors, has resolved on a sudden and wanton attack on India.

The Viceroy believes this folly is due directly to internal events in Afghanistan, and also has reason to apprehend that the present breach of faith with India is possibly the long-delayed fruits of the efforts of the friends of Germany and Abdul Khan, who failed in their endeavour to seduce the loyalty of the late Amir.

The Viceroy holds evidence showing that the Amir excuses his treachery by pretending that India is in a state of revolution, which will result in Afghanistan. He has also told his people that in India neither property nor religion are safe. Relying on such falsehoods he called on the Hindus and Mussulmans to show him allegiance. He also freely stated that the Sikhs have fired on British troops and that Germany is about to recommence the war, also that the English have been destroyed.

The Viceroy also possesses proof that the Amir prepared false leaflets for dissemination in India and made plans to corrupt and buy certain newspapers, inspired by futile hopes of seducing His Majesty's subjects.

The Amir has commenced military operations in a suicidal folly. The Amir has ventured to measure his strength against a Power has which just emerged victorious from the greatest war ever fought.

The Government possesses overwhelming strength, and this criminal and wanton incursion will meet with speedy and well-deserved punishment.

The Viceroy, having considered in his people, earnestly appeals to them not to believe the false rumours, and refrain from any conduct adding to the burden of the Government. He refers to the sorrowful experience of past invasions from the frontier, from the repetition of which the Government is well able to protect them.

In the name of the King-Emperor, the Viceroy enjoins all loyal people to assist the Government to crush the enemy of the peace of India, and refrain from giving colour to the false stories assiduously disseminated.

Mr. McLoughlin, the last European left in Afghanistan, has reached Peshawar, after exciting experiences. He says that the Bolsheviks have taken a big part in the war movement in Afghanistan.

REBELS ATTACKED FROM THE AIR.

SIMLA, May 11th.

No further operations have been reported from Landi and Kotai. Reports of an air raid on Dacca, (Afghanistan) on May 9th indicate that excellent results were obtained. The Headquarters camp was heavily bombed. Naib Salar, of Jalalabad, in command at Dacca, was seriously wounded. Direct hits were obtained on the camps. Horse lines and tents were blown up, and fires started.

A total of one and a quarter tons of bombs were dropped on Dacca when it was being evacuated. No further reinforcements of Afghan regulars are reported to have reached Khosta, but considerable liveliness exists along the Kurram border. All is reported quiet on the other frontier areas.

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HONGKONG POLO CLUB. THE FORTHCOMING GYMKHANA.

Below we give the programme of events at the forthcoming Polo Club Gymkhana on Empire Day. It will be noticed that the events are of an amusing nature; that anyone who can ride is welcome to compete, and that, for the first time for a number of years, the ladies of Hongkong are given an opportunity of displaying their skill on horseback. It is believed that the number of lady competitors will prove a surprise to many. As already advised the entries close at noon next Monday, and are free to ladies.

1.—Half-Section's Race.—Men only. Competitors will start dismounted, saddles on ground in front, on the word "go" will saddle up, mount, and ride to give point, unsaddle, and ride bare-back to winning-post. Half-sections must finish together; "partners" will be drawn for.

2.—Ball and Bucket Race.—Open to ladies and gentlemen. Three posts will be set up, on top of each will be placed a polo ball; competitors on the word "go" will ride to each post in turn, take the ball off and place it in a bucket. If a competitor drops a ball or misses the bucket, she or he must dismount, pick up ball, and remount before placing same in bucket.

3.—Tent Pegging.—Men only. Ladies' nomination.

4.—Brain Fever Race.—Lady and gentleman partners. Start dismounted, on the word "go" mount and ride to given point, where the men will dismount and hand their ponies over to the ladies, who will then lead their partner's pony back to the starting point. Gentlemen, on dismounting, will run a short distance, pick up and open an umbrella, turn four times round a stick, then return to their ponies as quickly as possible, mount and ride to the winning-post together. Umbrellas must be kept fully open all the time.

5.—Musical Chairs.—Ladies only.

6.—Victoria Cross Race.—Men only. Ladies' nomination.

7.—Mounted Combat.—Men only. Ladies' nomination. Competitors will ride bare-backed, no whips or spurs allowed, the combatant remaining mounted the longest to win.

CANTON NEWS.

CANTON, May 14th.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.
The Treasurer has sent delegates to establish branches of the Treasury in Swatow and Shikwan.

STRIKE ON THE NORTH RIVER.
The native junk on the North River have gone on strike owing to an extra-tax being levied upon them by the Military leader in Namhung. The goods traffic of the Canton Hankow Railway has been seriously interfered with as the goods cannot be brought from beyond Namhung.

RAILWAY AFFAIRS.
It is announced that Wan Leung-yi, who has been appointed Chief Director to the Canton-Hankow Railway Co., will assume his office on the 20th inst.

The authorities have ordered the merchants concerned to commence the construction of the Canton-Macao Railway as soon as possible.

PEKING CABLE NEWS.
The Peking Government has ordered the Telegraph Company in Peking to suppress telegrams dealing with the question of Tsingtao. Other telegrams are being strictly censored and there is consequently great delay.

The students arrested during the demonstration were brought to Court and questioned, but were sent back to their schools, as the ringleaders could not be identified.

Hsu Shu-tsang, brought a large army to Peking yesterday. The situation in the capital is regarded as serious.

SEALERS' RELIEF FROM INCOME-TAX.

The secretary of the Mercantile Marine Service Association has received a letter from the Chancellor of the Exchequer stating that he intended to include pensions, etc., payable under the war risks compensation scheme to members of the mercantile marine in respect of injury or disablement, in the proposals for relief from liability to income-tax in respect of wound and disability pensions. Gratuities payable to Royal Naval Reserve men and auxiliary fleet men on demobilisation will also be included.

ADMIRAL LINE ENTERPRISE. 21-KNOTS SHIPS FOR THE PACIFIC COAST RUN.

Plans for the fastest passenger vessels on the Pacific Coast are being prepared by the Admiral Line for use on the San Francisco-Puget Sound run, according to Mr. A. F. Haines, Vice-President and General Manager of the Company. In an interview with the *Seattle Times*, Mr. Haines said:—

"We are going to make the runs from Puget Sound to San Francisco in thirty-six hours. I can't tell when the vessels will be on the run, as the contracts have not been awarded, pending a final decision on the types of vessels to build. The ships will make about twenty-one knots an hour and will have two-berth state-rooms. They will be finer in many respects than any ships on the Pacific. Whether the ships will be built on the Pacific or Atlantic depends upon the prices we get. When about \$2,000,000 is involved in each vessel we will build the ships where we can get the best price. Right now they could be built cheaper in the East than on the Pacific. That is what the Shipping Board authorities meant when they told Pacific Coast builders and workers that they must get down to a competitive basis."

Mr. Haines added that his Company is in the trans-Pacific freight business to stay. "Within the last forty-eight hours," he said, "the Shipping Board has turned over two more vessels for the Oriental route. That makes four we are now operating two from Portland and two from Puget Sound, running to Oriental points and the Philippines."

INTERFERING WITH WOMEN.

DRUNKEN INDIAN FINED \$5.

At the Magistracy yesterday, an Indian ship's guard, named Abdullah, was charged with being drunk and disorderly in Wanchai Road.

Defendant admitted that he was drunk, but denied behaving in a disorderly manner or using abusive language.

Inspector Kent stated that at 8.30 p.m., on Tuesday he was in the charge-room of No. 2, Police Station, when he heard police-whistles being blown in Wanchai Road. He went out and found defendant surrounded by a crowd of Chinese, who were rough-handling him and would have seriously assaulted him but for the intervention of witness. Defendant had been interfering with some Chinese women in Wanchai Road, and this was resented by the men. He escaped from a very severe pummeling at the hands of an infuriated crowd. Two women complained to witness about defendant's behaviour, but had stated that they did not wish to come to Court.

Mr. Hutchison fined defendant \$5, with the alternative of seven days' hard labour.

"THOU SHALT NOT CARICATURE."

A fastidious aestheticism would appear to be one of the root causes of the slump in the supply of domestic servants. Such a sound authority as the Women's Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Reconstruction seriously states that the shrinkage is occasioned by the fact that servants are frequently caricatured on the stage, and resent it.

The prospect opened out by this refinement of objection is a wide and disconcerting one. The stage clergyman has long been a figure of comedy. Pompous bigness, elegant archaisms, twittering curates are stock figures for the playwright. The curate in especial has had a heavy burden of ridicule laid upon him. His immemorial stage diet is a glass of milk and a Bath bun. We have seen occasional fighting parsons, but they have been bombastical creatures. If the Church of England becomes affected with a similar sensitivity to the servants, it will not be possible to obtain a real curate for love or money.

STAGE TYPES.
In the Army, officers will refuse to go on Indian service because of the irascible colonels and chutney-eating generals who have so often proved good friends to the dramatists.

Brilliant young men will decline to take up promising careers in journalism by reason of the fact that the playwrights always portray them as broken-down, bawling men carrying enormous notebooks.

The law has also a distinct grievance in the stage solicitor, who is such a blithering idiot that no sane person would ever dream of going to him for legal or any other advice.

One remedy would be for playwrights to adopt a self-denying ordinance not to caricature any body of society whatsoever. It is doubtful even then if parodies lost would mean Paradise regained for those super-sensitive who obstinately dispute that all the world's a stage, and that every man and woman is his or her own caricature in life.—L. J. McQ., in the *Daily Express*.

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Kwai Wah, Chinese str., 402 tons, Capt. Tourane, which port she left on May 10th, with a general cargo. Wai Hing & Co.

May 14th.

Alcornoque, Chinese str., 308 tons, Capt. Keung Hing, from Haikow, which port she left on May 12th, with a general cargo. Chiat On & Co.
Alapana Maru, Japanese str., 1,355 tons, Capt. Yedumatsu, from Karatsu, which port she left on May 13th, with a cargo of coal. Y.K.K.

Columbia, American str., 3,445 tons, Capt. A. W. Nelson, from San Francisco, which port she left on April 5th, with a general cargo. Pacific Mail Steamship Co.

Haitan, British str., 1,181 tons, Capt. Stewart, from Swatow, which port she left on May 13th, with a general cargo. Douglas S.S. Co.

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Hsin Chang, Chinese str., 1,258 tons, Capt. Davis, from Canton, which port she left on May 13th, with a general cargo. C.M.S.N. & Co.

Koban Maru, Japanese str., 1,101 tons, Capt. Yennawa, from Wakamatsu, which port she left on May 13th, with a cargo of coal. M.B.K.

Peking, British str., 2,632 tons, Capt. Francis, from Shanghai, which port she left on May 11th, with a general cargo. B. & S.

Yang Tai Kiang, Chinese str., 401 tons, Capt. Brown, from Tourane, which port she left on May 11th, with a cargo of sugar. Yuen Chong.

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HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, May 14th

	Previous Day	On 13th	On 14th
Barometer	29.78	29.78	29.72
Temperature	78	76	81
Humidity	91	93	82
Wind Direction	East	East	East
Force	3	3	3
Weather	0	0	0
Rain	0.45	—	1.22

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WEATHER REPORT.

May 14th, at 12.35.—No rain from Japan, Vladivostok and Weihaiwei. Pressure changes are slight at all reporting stations; a depression is situated over Tientsin.

Hongkong rainfall, for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 1.43 inch. Total since January 1st, 12.04 inches, against an average of 15.77 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

District	Forecast.
Hongkong to Gap Rock	E. winds moderate; cloudy, occasional rain.
Formosa Channel	North winds, moderate.
South Coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook	The same as Hongkong and Lamook. No. 1.
South Coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan	The same as Hongkong and Hainan. No. 1.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

May 14th, A.M.

Station	Hour	Barometer at Sea Level	Temperature	Humidity	Direction	Force	Weather
Vladivostok	5 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nemuro	5 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hakodate	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tokio	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kochi	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kagoshima	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Osaka	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Naha	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Amoy	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Swatow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Taihou	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Taichu	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lainan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Koshu	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pescadore	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Canton	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hongkong	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gap Rock	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Macao	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wuchow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hohow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pakhoi	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Phulien	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tourane	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cape S. James	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Aparri	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dagupan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Legaspi	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tacloban	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hollie	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Surigao	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Guam	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Laduan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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SHANGHAI	"SUNNING"	On 15th May, 4 P.M.	
SHANGHAI & HONGKONG	"CHENAN"	On 18th May, 9 A.M.	
PAKHOI and HAIPHONG	"KAIFONG"	On 18th May, 10 A.M.	
SWATOW and BANGKOK	"CHANGCHOW"	On 19th May, Noon.	
SWATOW, WINGHAI, CHONG and TIENTSIN	"KUEIKOW"	On 19th May, Noon.	
SHANGHAI	"SUIYANG"	On 22nd May, Noon.	
SHANGHAI and TIENTSIN	"YINGCHOW"	On 25th May, 11 P.M.	
SWATOW and BANGKOK	"HUPH"	On 28th May, Noon.	

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Steamer	Leave Hongkong about	Due at Marseilles about	Due at London about
NEUKALIA	28th May, Noon.	30th June	8th July.
NOVARA	7th August	9th Sept.	18th Sept.

FOR

BOMBAY VIA STRAITS & COLOMBO.

Steamer	Leave Hongkong about	Due Bombay about
DILWARA	23rd May	10th June.

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SS	Leave Hongkong about	SHANGHAI & KOBE
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SHANGHAI, KORE & YOKOHAMA	MISHIMA MARU ... 15,950 Tons	6th June, at 11 A.M.
NAGASAKI, KORE & YOKOHAMA	TANGO MARU ... 12,760 Tons	24th May, at 11 A.M.
SHANGHAI, KORE & YOKOHAMA	NIKKI MARU ... 9,800 Tons	31st June, at 11 A.M.
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, SUZ and PORT SAID	SHIDZUOKA MARU 12,520 Tons	10th May, at Noon.
MELBOURNE, SYDNEY, ZAMBANGA, TIENTSIN, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE & SYDNEY	KAGA MARU ... 12,300 Tons	31st May, at Noon.
NEW YORK VIA SHANGHAI, KORE, YOKOHAMA, SAN FRANCISCO and PANAMA CANAL	AKI MARU ... 12,300 Tons	31st May, at 11 A.M.
BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE, MALACCA & COLOMBO	TATSUNO MARU 14,330 Tons	27th May. (Cargo Only)
CALCUTTA VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG and BANGKOK	KIRIN MARU No. 2 7,760 Tons	24th May.
	TENZAN MARU	19th May.

† Omitting Shanghai and/or Moji. † Wireless telegraphy.

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PERSIA MARU	9,000	June 18th.
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NIFFON MARU	11,000	July 7th.

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SHANGHAI, KORE & YOKOHAMA	"NERA" ... 10,000 Tons	On or about 15th June

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"GANGES MARU" ... Saturday, 24th May

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"HAWAII MARU" ... Saturday, 15th June.

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"UNNAN MARU" ... Sunday, 1st June.

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"NANKIN MARU" ... Sunday, 1st June.

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